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2. Patent Abstracts of Japan of JP-2002-253703 published September 10, 2002, to Sumitomo Rubber Industry, Ltd.
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,273,729 issued December 28, 1993, to Howard et al.
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,281,653 issued January 25, 1994, to Thomann et al.
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,292,813 issued March 8, 1994, to Patil et al.
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